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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

The above-identified applications have a common inventor with, and are commonly assigned with, the subject application.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	
	U.S. Application No. 10,636, 687 (Iwasaki et al.), filed 8/8/03
	U.S. Application No. 10/647,272 (Satoshi et al.), filed 8/26/03
	U.S. Application No. 10/649,640 (Nakagawa et al.), filed 8/28/03

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